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THE TREASURY

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

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EXPERIMENTAL PACKAGING AND MARKETING OF DISTILLED SPIRITS IN PVC PLASTIC LIQUOR BOTTLES

Proprietors of Distilled Spirits Plants,
Manufacturers of Liquor Bottles,
Importers, Wholesale Liquor Dealers
and Others Concerned:

In Industry Circular 72-16 the experimental program of packaging and marketing distilled spirits in PVC liquor bottles was extended to December 31, 1972. The purpose of this extension was to allow sufficient time for the completion of an in-depth study of the environmental impact of PVC liquor bottles. In order to secure a completely unbiased and professional analysis of the environmental aspects of PVC liquor bottles, we decided to contract the services of independent environmental experts to perform this study. We are currently in the final stages of contract negotiations and will award the contract as soon as possible.

After the contract study is completed, the Bureau will objectively evaluate the results along with other pertinent information available to us and prepare a final environmental impact statement in accordance with Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Since the above study is scheduled to be completed in 90 days, and further, since the final environmental impact statement must be available to the public for 30 days prior to the final action on a proposed decision, we are hereby extending the current experiment to package distilled spirits in PVC liquor bottles for six months. Accordingly, applications previously approved for such packaging are extended to June 30, 1973.

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DISTRIBUTION:

DSP	32
Imp)	
Imp-WLD)	420
WLD)	
Manufacturers of Liquor Bottles	19
Special Lists 1,2 & 6	58
ATFM 6500	164
Library Stock	227
Total	920
Distribution to Regional Personnel	11/5/72
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